

(a) whether the land acquisition proceedings for the road running from the 2nd milestone on Mavelikara-Pantalam road to Cherukunnam village road have been completed;

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, the date on which it was decided to improve the road and the time taken for land acquisition proceedings;

(c) if the answer to part (a) is in the negative, the reason for the delay; and

(d) the date on which the above road was improved and offered to the Department by the people of the locality for construction of culverts, improvement, maintenance, etc.?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (a) No.

(b) This does not arise.

(c) The road work has not yet been completed by the people as per the conditions specified in the Ryots' Road Rules.

(d) This does not arise.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): The answer to part (d) says that the question does not arise. Was not the road improved and offered to the department by the people of the locality?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The question was whether land acquisition proceedings had been completed. I said 'No', because the road does not yet comply with the Ryots' Roads Rules. I may inform the honourable member that I have got everything ready and I am waiting for the road to comply with the Ryots' Roads Rules.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Have the people been informed of this?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I believe so.

Repairs to Kanjoor todū in Mavelikara taluk.

240. ***MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Irrigation Executive Engineer has received a memorial dated 1-8-1109, from the people of certain *karas* in the Thazhakkara *pakuthi*, Mavelikara taluk, for repairing and deepening the Kanjoor todū; and

(b) the action taken on the above memorial?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (a) Yes.

(b) The estimate for the work is under preparation.

A road in Parur Town.

241. ***MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON** (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Engineer has received any petition from the people of Parur for metalling a portion of the road in the Parur town about 8 furlongs in length; and

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(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, whether any and what steps have been taken in the matter?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (a) Yes.

(b) The Chief Engineer inspected the locality and found the bye-roads mentioned to be of purely local importance. As they are within the municipal limits of Parur, the construction and maintenance of these roads should legitimately devolve on the Municipality.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know whether the construction and maintenance of roads within the Parur municipal limits are done by the Municipality or by the P. W. D.?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Building and Irrigation*): These are only bye-lanes of mere local importance. Therefore the work should be attended to by the Municipality.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I ask whether any of the roads in Parur has been constructed by the Municipality?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I cannot say that. But this one is of mere local importance and should be attended to by the Municipality.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I ask whether all mofussil roads of local importance should be constructed only by the Municipality?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Not always; but this one is of very local importance, and therefore public funds should not be spent on it.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I ask whether tax is not being collected from the people of these parts?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I expect so.

Public lane from the Edappalli-Perundoor landing road to the Cochin Frontier.

242. *MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a public lane in existence from the Edappalli-Perundoor landing road to the Cochin Frontier;

(b) whether the people of Edappalli have made any representation for the conversion of the lane into a cart road; and

(c) whether they are aware that the Cochin Government have opened their portion from Kalur to the Travancore Frontier of Edappalli as a cart road?